

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 13-15, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ilbery (US 20020122210 A1). Claims 6-9, 16, and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Ilbery in view of Easwar et al. (US 6781717) and further in view of Webb et al. (US 5553165). Claims 10-12, 17-19, and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Ilbery in view of Lee (US 6956583). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections based on at least the following remarks.

Claims 1, 13, and 20 have been amended to include features of the threads executing concurrently (for example, from canceled claims 9, 16, and 26, respectively). The Examiner relied upon the combination of Ilbery, in view of Easwar et al. and further in view of Webb et al. to reject claims 9, 16, and 26.

The Applicants respectfully submit that none of these three references relied upon by the Examiner teaches or even suggests that the threads execute concurrently. The Examiner has made a sweeping statement that this feature is included in Ilbery, Easwar, or Webb without particularly pointing out how or where such feature is taught by any of these references either alone or in any possible combination thereof. The Applicants respectfully submit that the references relied upon by the Examiner fail to teach or even suggest at least this feature of the present invention as claimed.

Withdrawal of the prior art rejections is respectfully requested. The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney via telephone at 815-885-1390 or via email at rob@intel.com.

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